GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF AIR FARE FOR TOUR PACKAGES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tour packages for visiting foreign countries are cheaper as compared to those for `Bharat Bhrahman` (touring India);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the air fare for attracting more passengers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Air fares for visiting any country are determined at International Air Transport Association (IATA) Coordinating Conference unanimously by all airlines operating in that area. Fares for tour packages are agreed upon based on market potential as well as economic situation of the country involved and therefore, in some cases it is cheaper for Indians to visit foreign countries while in some cases it is cheaper for tourists to come and visit India.

Domestic air fares are not regulated and airlines keep adjusting their fares as they perceive the market from time to time.